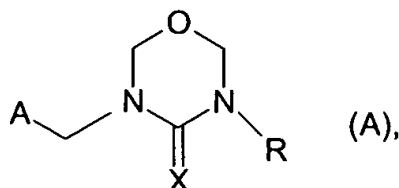


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

✓ Claim 23. (Previously Added) A composition for controlling insects or <sup>celo</sup>representatives of the order Acarina, which comprises an effective insecticidal or acaricidal combination of one or more compounds of the formula



in which

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A is an unsubstituted or mono- to tetrasubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic monocyclic or bicyclic heterocyclic radical, in which the substituents of A are selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkoxy, halogen, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl, cyclopropyl, halocyclopropyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkynyl, halo-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkenyl, halo-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkynyl, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylthio, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylthio, allyloxy, propargyloxy, allylthio, propargylthio, haloallyloxy, haloallylthio, cyano and nitro;

R is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, phenyl-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkenyl or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkynyl; and

X is N-NO<sub>2</sub> or N-CN,

in the free form or in salt form, optionally tautomers thereof, in the free form or salt form, and the compound:

(XLI) fipronil;

and at least one formulation auxiliary.

Claim 24. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 23 in which, in the compound of formula (A), the cyclic base skeleton of A contains 2 to 4 double bonds.

Claim 25. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 23 in which, in the compound of the formula (A), the cyclic base skeleton of A contains 1 up to and including 4 heteroatoms.

Claim 26. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 25 in which, in the compound of the formula (A), the cyclic base skeleton of A contains 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms, selected from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, not more than one of the heteroatoms contained in the cyclic base skeleton being an oxygen or a sulfur atom.

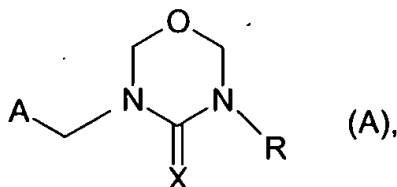
Claim 27. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 23 in which, in the compound of the formula (A) the cyclic base skeleton of A is mono-or disubstituted by substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl.

Claim 28. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 27 in which, in the compound of the formula (A), the cyclic base skeleton of A is a pyridyl, 1-oxidopyridinio or thiazolyl group.

Claim 29. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 23 in which, in the compound of the formula (A), X is N-NO<sub>2</sub>.

Claim 30. (Previously Added) A method of controlling pests, which comprises applying a composition, as defined in claim 23, to the pests or their environment.

Claim 31. (Currently Amended) A method for the protection of plant propagation material, which comprises treating the plant propagation material or the site where the propagation material is brought out with the composition according to claim 23 an effective insecticidal or acaricidal combination of one or more compounds of the formula



in which

A is an unsubstituted or mono- to tetrasubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic monocyclic or bicyclic heterocyclic radical, in which the substituents of A are selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkoxy, halogen, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl, cyclopropyl, halocyclopropyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkynyl, halo-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkenyl, halo-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkynyl, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylthio, halo-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylthio, allyloxy, propargyloxy, allylthio, propargylthio, haloallyloxy, haloallylthio, cyano and nitro;

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X is N-NO<sub>2</sub> or N-CN,

in the free form or in salt form, optionally tautomers thereof, in the free form or salt form, and the compound:

(XLI) fipronil;

and at least one formulation auxiliary.

Claim 32. (Previously Added) A process for the preparation of a composition as defined in claim 23 which comprises intimately mixing the active compounds with one or more formulation auxiliaries.

Claim 33. (Previously Added) A composition according to claim 23 which comprises 5-(2-chlorothiazol-5-ylmethyl)-3-methyl-4-nitroimino-perhydro-1,3,5-oxadiazine and fipronil. - -